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SUBJ: RED:ECAFE: WASHINGTON VISIT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
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1. SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO ATTENDING UNEC MEETING, J.B.P. MARAMIS, NEWLY APPOINTED ECAFE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FROM INDONESIA, SHOULD ALSO MEET THE NEW SECRETARY AND AID ADMINISTRATOR. MEETINGS ARE ALSO RECOMMENDED WITH SECRETARY'S SPECIAL ASSISTANTS ON POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENT. MARAMIS HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED MEETINGS WITH IBRD PRESIDENT AND IMF MANAGING DIRECTOR. END SUMMARY.

2. WE RECOMMEND IO/CMD ARRANGE FOR MARAMIS PARTICIPATION IN UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (UNEC) MEETING NOVEMBER 8, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT DEPT. DINING ROOM. BRIEF VISIT WITH PHILANDER CLAXTON (POPULATION) AND CHRISTIAN HERTER (ENVIRONMENT) TOGETHER WITH THEIR AID COUNTERPARTS HIGHLY DESIRABLE. PRESUME COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS WILL PARTICIPATE UNEC MEETING. IF NOT, RECOMMEND MARAMIS MEET APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS FROM THESE DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER WITH AID EXPERTS HANDLING ASIAN PROGRAMS AND DOT OFFICIALS. EXPECT THAT BUCEN,
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USGS, ASIA FOUNDATION, POPULATION CRISIS AND OTHER INTERESTED

PARTIES ALSO HAVE OCCASION MEET MARAMIS.

3. AS RECENTLY APPOINTED (AUGUST 1) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WITH THE CLEAR INTENTION OF PROVIDING NEW IMPETUS AND DIRECTION TO ECAFE, MARAMIS OBVIOUSLY WOULD LIKE PAY BRIEF CALL ON OUR NEW SECRETARY. SINCE HE IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT INVOLVE NEW MEMBER PRC IN ECAFE AFFAIRS AND PLANS PEKING VISIT PRIOR 30TH PLENARY SESSION EARLY NEXT YEAR, SECRETARY'S COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE. IN TURN, MARAMIS COULD BE EXPECTED DISCUSS WHATEVER ECAFE IS PLANNING RE INDOCHINA RECONSTRUCTION.

4. BECAUSE OF ACTIVE AID INVOLVEMENT IN PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN BY U.S. IN NINE IMPORTANT ECAFE MEMBER COUNTRIES, RECOMMEND MARAMIS ALSO HAVE OPPORTUNITY MEET NEW AID ADMINISTRATOR AND DISCUSS AREAS OF COMMON CONCERN TO INSURE THAT ECAFE REGIONAL ACTIVITIES NOT DUPLICATE U.S. MISSION PROGRAMS. MARAMIS MAY BE ABLE ALERT ADMINISTRATOR TO POSSIBILITY U.S. AID MISSIONS USING ECAFE SPONSORED TRAINING FACILITIES TO IMPLEMENT SOME U.S. AID BILATERAL PROJECTS.

5. MARAMIS HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA AND THE IMF MANAGING DIRECTOR DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON. PLEASE ARRANGE IF PRINCIPALS IN TOWN.

6. DURING DEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSIONS WE URGE THAT MARAMIS BE COMMENDED FOR HIS EARLY STRONG EFFORTS TO STREAMLINE ECAFE MEETINGS, WEED OUT NEEDLESS PERSONNEL, REDUCE UNNECESSARY TRAVEL AND INTENSIFY COORDINATION AMONG ECAFE DIVISIONS. MARAMIS' SPECIAL ASSISTANT, HUBERT RUDI GONTHA, WILL ACCOMPANY HIM. GIG BIO SKETCH BEING POUCHED.
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